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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were higher, and in Boston prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Demand was moderate to good at times, usually fairly good, with better movement centering around promotional activity. Supplies of all sizes ranged about adequate to occasionally tight. On the West Coast, offerings continued barely adequate to short. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate from regular sources, and additional trading was often limited as dealers attempted to gauge approaching needs. Light type hens were sufficient for processor's immediate needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on extra large, unchanged to 3 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 1 cent higher on medium. Prices were unchanged in Philadelphia and New England. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was fairly good to good, best where limited feature activity was in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were about adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where specials were planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were about adequate to close.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 7 cents for large, 5 cents for medium, and 4 cents for small. Prices in Chicago were up 7 cents for extra large and large and 5 cents for medium. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into both retail and food service outlets was fair to good. Supplies were adequate to close for the balance of sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Those needing extra product only bought for immediate needs. Offerings were tight to about adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices on all sizes advanced 2 cents. The market tone steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate, instances good, best into limited features that are planned or in progress. Supplies barely adequate to close on all sizes.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand continued fairly good entering the weekend, best for the occasional feature interest. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate to close. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate from regular sources, and many dealers were cautiously assessing developments. Light type hens were generally sufficient processors' needs.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region, and medium 8 cents higher in California and 7 cents higher in the Northwest. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in close balance to short.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS** - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	101-108	87-97	69-74
New York	72-74	69-72	56-59
Philadelphia	57.5-72	55.5-70	46.5-56

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	54-55	52.5-54	43-44
Jackson (1)	64-65	61-62	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-76	60-74	50-64

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	61-66	60-65	48-53
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	39-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51.5-57	50-55	40-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	43-50

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	71-73	68-69	57-58
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	72-84	70-77	61-67
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	88	80	71

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings barely adequate to short. Small invoice price 51. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 99, large dozen 65-99.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	102
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	71

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	89-99
EXTRA LARGE	72-84
LARGE	70-77
MEDIUM	61-67

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	199-279
LARGE	149-209
MEDIUM	129-205

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged while checks and undergrades were unchanged to higher. Many breakers were watching current market developments and only buying for immediate needs. Offerings were usually tight to about adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,  
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,  
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	38-40	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-25	23-25

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices trended higher than early week trading. Demand was moderate for usually about adequate to adequate offerings as good quality eggs were diverted to grading channels. The market tone was steadier. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 23, 1999 were 5 % less than last week, and 2 % less than the same week a year ago.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT,  
48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,  
CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	35-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

#### **EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,222,202	27,415	12,378	6,684	2,630	3,842
PW	*1,245,446	28,921	11,437	6,558	2,803	*3,858
LY	1,060,886	25,549	9,553	5,052	2,118	3,535
% PW	-2	-5	8	2	-6	0
% LY	15	7	30	32	24	9
1999*	46,889,847	*1,087,237	448,326	244,628	108,732	*148,220
1998	44,439,645	1,013,612	440,006	234,062	107,416	143,092

#### **AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
	41.17	40.77	41.18

\* Revised

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 28.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 53 cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg and whites with yolk steady to fully steady. Demand for whole egg and whites was good to very good with offerings very limited. Liquid yolk demand was mostly moderate with additional product more readily available.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 29 October, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

	CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	30-37.5	35.09	5.96	
WHITES	14	23-27	26.11	.43	
YOLKS	10	53-54	53.80	4.51	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices were unchanged on whites, irregular on sugared yolks but mostly higher. Whole and salt yolks were higher when compared to a week earlier. New trading was only fair for product that was generally adequate for needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 23, 1999 were unchanged from last week, and 2 % more than last year. Shell egg supplies were usually adequate for most trade needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47	45-46	50-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-70
WHITES	36-41	38-40	43-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-64	60-61	64-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-59	56-57	59-65

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices ranged higher for frozen whole egg, sugar and salt yolk, with whites unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for all products. Some buyers have recently backed away from the market as previously purchased inventories and higher trending prices have slowed interest. Additional product offerings were balanced to available for the generally moderate demand.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	MOSTLY
	RANGE	
WHOLE	45-47	
WHITES	37-40	39-40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-64	59-61
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-61	56-58

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices unchanged on whites, 4 cents higher on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/23 was 10% less than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate but higher priced. Frozen demand seasonally good with freezer stocks easily adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were higher on whole and yolks, but unchanged on albumen and blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but unaggressive for usually adequate but limited offerings. Liquid supplies were usually trending higher with offerings irregular and reported in a full range of close balance to available. Dried egg processed under federal inspection for the week ending October 23, 1999 were 6% less than last week, and 24% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.61-1.75	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
YOLKS	1.40-1.50	MOSTLY 1.44-1.46
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.30	MOSTLY 3.10-3.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/22/99-10/28/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS		
132.75								50.25								183.00		
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	43.20	50.14	45.33	47.00	52.39	—	65.00	GNR W 1	—	57.84	—	—	—	—	43.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	—	48.00	—	—	8.00	GNR W 2	—	53.50	—	—	—	—	6.00			
GNR W 3	44.00	45.00	34.00	36.00	38.38	—	12.00	GNR W 3	—	42.20	—	—	—	—	5.00			
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	36.00	38.50	2.00	GL W XL	51.00	53.00	—	—	60.33	61.67	7.00			
GNR BR 1	—	—	59.50	66.67	—	—	3.75	GL W LG	—	61.00	—	—	54.75	57.00	6.50			
GL W XL	54.31	50.00	—	56.10	52.21	—	14.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	53.50	49.13	52.33	12.00			
GL W LG	53.64	54.67	48.00	52.50	52.00	—	9.00	GL W SM	—	25.00	22.00	—	—	28.00	3.00			
GL W MD	—	—	38.25	39.57	45.12	43.63	23.50	NRBS - 42	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W SM	—	—	19.67	22.17	20.00	23.25	6.00	NRBS - 36	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	43.00	43.00	45.00	9.50											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	40.94	40.69	12.00											
NRBS - 42	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	—	.50											
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	24.60	29.00	2.50											

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually fully adequate for the light demand and somewhat slow to clear. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules were seasonal. Trade sentiment was mixed.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was unaggressive for short to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules ranged from less than normal to normal. Undertone remained steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules heavy. Offerings ample.

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

**HEAVY** **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

Southeast Heavy TFEWR (1)  
Southeast Heavy TFEWR (2)  
f.o.b. plant TFEWR  
South Central Heavy TFEWR (1)

**LIGHT** **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

Eastern Light 0-0 (1)  
Eastern Light TFEWR (2)  
So. Central Light TFEWR (2)  
No. Central Light TFEWR (1)  
No. Central Light 0-.5 (2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Oct-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	68.69	66.32	54.21
SOUTHERN	61.57	59.67	49.86
MIDWEST	56.35	55.04	44.15
WESTERN	80.76	75.15	65.65
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.53	66.25	55.59

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY  
METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular. However, values at the plant generally trended higher without freight cost included. Retail interest was seasonal active. Offerings were easily clearing even though the canner demand was moderate but unaggressive for any additional product at higher levels. The undertone was at least steady to occasionally firm.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

22-27.5 MAJORITY 25.25-26 32.75-37 MAJORITY 33.5-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24-28.5 MAJORITY 26-27 31-39 MAJORITY 36-36.75

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 23-OCT-99

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,952	1,612	3,564
LAST WEEK	1,683	1,620	3,303
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,848	1,265	3,113
TO-DATE/1999	87,528	59,402	146,930
TO-DATE/1998	85,938	53,135	139,073

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	408	43	451
LAST WEEK	353	0	353
SAME WEEK YR AGO	321	0	321
TO-DATE/1999	19,483	229	19,712
TO-DATE/1998	21,924	281	22,205

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	2,360	1,655	4,015
LAST WEEK	2,036	1,620	3,656
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,169	1,265	3,434
TO-DATE/1999	107,011	59,631	166,642
TO-DATE/1998	107,862	53,416	161,278

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending October 16, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	304	271	11,179	12,258
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	40	0	504	537
Total	344	271	11,689	12,845

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending October 16, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998	1999	1998
Liquid	120	81	3,762	3,419
Frozen	42	0	443	172
Dried	0	0	169	235
Total	162	81	4,374	3,826

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending October 16, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998	1999	1998
Jumbo	0	0	1,131	1,295
Extra Large	1,780	0	35,499	29,491
Large	3,901	2,091	118,361	94,064
Medium	900	1,125	40,064	48,094
Ungraded	13,980	19,136	513,143	286,859
Misc	750	0	7,967	6,133
Total	21,311	22,352	716,165	465,936

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	37-42	19-23

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
41-43	30-32	13-15

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	87-90	76-79	53-56	17-20

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 25-Oct-99	3,453	168,228	90,031
AM 1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG	-693	-14925	-5259
PCT CHG	-17	-8	-6

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 23-Oct-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	30.5	33.6	-9	10
BOSTON	4.6	4.9	-6	-60
CHICAGO	50.3	58.6	-14	13
DETROIT	25.0	25.3	-1	-3
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	99.9	91.4	9	24
NEW ORLEANS	10.0	10.2	-2	-33
NEW YORK	36.9	40.8	-10	-21
ST. LOUIS	15.2	17.1	-11	3
SAN FRANCISCO	18.8	19.6	-4	1
TOTAL	291.3	301.6	-3	2
4 WK MVG AVG	292.8			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 23-Oct-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	241.7	-2	1
E.N. CENTRAL	484.0	2	15
W.N. CENTRAL	195.2	-1	10
S. ATLANTIC	202.0	0	-11
S. CENTRAL	72.9	-1	-10
WEST	217.2	1	2
TOTAL	1413.0	0	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**, OCTOBER 26, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	115	101	83	47
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	108-112	94-98	75-79	40-44
	110-111	96-97	77-78	42-43
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	111-115	97-101	79-83	43-47
	111	97	79	43
VERMONT MOSTLY	113-115	99-105	81-83	-
	113	99	81	-

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